behavious group and general public about HIV/AIDS, control of Sexually Transmitted Disease, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, strengthen the surveillance; and diagnosis and clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.

High Powered Committee for the Betterment of Nursing Personnel

2506. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered committee was appointed by Government for the betterment of nursing personnel;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its remmendations;

(c) if so, the salient features of the recommendations;

(d) whether the recommendations were discussed with the nursing staff representatives;

(e) if so, whether the mutually accepted recommendations have been implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of the High Power Committee relate to betterment of employment, working hours, workload, working facilities, pay & allowances, promotional opportunities, career development, accomodation, transport facilities, special incentives and other welfare measures for nursing personnel

(d) and (f) Since most of the recommendations were to be implemented by the State Govt./UT Administrations, the same have been sent to them for necessary action.

Shortage of Accommodation for Nurses of AIIMS

2507. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of family acommodation for nurses of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether steps are being taken to construct more family accommodation for nurses of AIIMS near the place of their work;

(c) number of quarters constrcuted during the last three years; and

(d) the number of quarters are proposed to be constructed during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) These are shortage of family accommodation for nurses of AIIMS.

(b) 200 Type III Quarters are under construction at A.V. Nagar, New Delhi and the work is nearing completion.

(c) In the recent past a hostel for nurses was constructed at Masjid Moth campus making provisions for 186 single rooms and 110 rooms for married nurses.

(d) A projection has been made in the 9th Five Year Plan for construction of remaining flats for general category.

Nursing Schools and Colleges Recognised by Government in Gujarat

2508. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of schools and colleges of nursing recognised by Government presently functioning in the State of Gujarat with details thereof;

(b) number of nurses passing out therefrom every year at present;

(c) whether Government propose to sanction more nursing schools/colleges in